

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 have been allowed.

Claims 11 and 14 were objected to because of confusion as to whether new main shafts, shaft journals, etc. were intended to be introduced in the claim.

Claims 17, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mohrmann, German Patent No. 4332113.

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohrmann, in view of Akesaka, U.S. Patent No. 4,692,062.

Claims 11 and 14 have now been amended. Claims 17-21 have now been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims 11 and 14

Claims 11 and 14 were objected to because of confusion as to whether new main shafts, shaft journals, etc. were intended to be introduced in the claim. The Examiner indicated that the preamble of both claims should be corrected to "The device for driving boreholes in the ground as claimed in claim 1".

The preamble of claims 11 and 14 have now each been corrected to "The device for driving boreholes in the ground as claimed in claim 1" as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out this problem.

Withdrawal of the objections to claims 11 and 14 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 17, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by

Mohrmann, German Patent No. 4332113.

Claims 17-21 have now been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned rejection is therefore moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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CONCLUSION

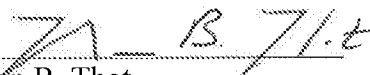
In view of the foregoing it is believed that the application in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any unpaid fees deemed required in connection with this submission, including any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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